

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing Minutes, November 14, 2005, Ramkota River Centre, Pierre, SD

The South Dakota Board of Education convened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005, at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre, South Dakota for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on section 24:15:02:08 State certification exam requirements.

Board Members

Glenna Fouberg, President; Kelly Duncan, Vice President; Jack Broome; Richard Gowen, Marilyn Hoyt, Jan Nicolay, Roger Porch, and Clint Waara were present. Barbara Everist was absent.

Department of Education Staff Present

- Rick Melmer, Secretary, Office of the Secretary
- Deb Barnett, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary
- Melissa Flor, Special Education Program Specialist, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Gerald Gramm, Education Program Specialist, Office of Career & Technical Education
- Pam Hoepfer, Secretary, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Nicole Kranzler, Executive Assistant, South Dakota Board of Education
- Wade Pogany, Director, Office of Curriculum and Instruction
- Janet Ricketts, Director, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Melody Schopp, Director, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Gary Skoglund, NAEP/DACS Coordinator, Office of Curriculum, Technology & Assessment
- Linda Turner, Special Education Program Specialist, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Carol Uecker, Program Representative, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Stephanie Weideman, Director, Office of Curriculum, Technology & Assessment

Others Present

Approximately 25 additional individuals attended all or part of the meeting. A list of those who signed the meeting register is filed in the board secretary's office.

AGENDA ITEM 14.0 – PUBLIC HEARING – SECTION 24:15:02:08 STATE CERTIFICATION EXAM REQUIREMENTS

Fouberg read the opening statement.

Schopp explained the reason for and the effects of the proposed rule amendments. The proposed rule would make the certification rules for individuals with lapsed certificates less prohibitive (see documents filed in the board secretary's office).

The board voiced concern that the proposed rule would make it too easy for a person with a lapsed certificate who had never been in the classroom to renew their certificate. Duncan opposed the rule on the basis that, in most cases, people make a conscious decision to let their certificates lapse. She added that the proposed rule was not stringent enough. The board discussed whether to approve the proposed rule.

Melmer noted that one of the focuses of the department was to make it easier for people to obtain teacher certification in order to entice more people into the teaching field and increase the number of teachers in South Dakota. Melmer added that the state's job is to certify educators but that the onus is on school districts to determine whether the certified educators they hire will actually be good teachers.

Motion: Motion by Nicolay and second by Broome to adopt section 24:15:02:08 state certification exam requirements. The board voted via roll call:

- Broome – Aye
- Duncan – Nay
- Everist - Absent
- Fouberg - Aye
- Gowen – Nay
- Hoyt - Aye
- Nicolay – Aye
- Porch – Nay
- Waara – Nay

Conclusion: The motion failed for lack of a majority.

I, Rick Melmer, Executive Officer of the South Dakota Board of Education, declare the foregoing to be a complete and true record of the public hearing of the South Dakota Board of Education held on November 14, 2005.

Rick Melmer